

ARMIDALE FORUM 27 February 2010
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 1 OF THE ARMIDALE FORUM:

This forum calls on the Federal Government to reverse its decision to allow imports of beef into Australia from countries affected by BSE.

RESOLUTION 2 OF THE ARMIDALE FORUM:

This forum supports the introduction of a National Beef Grading Scheme.

RESOLUTION 3 OF THE ARMIDALE FORUM:

This forum calls on the Federal Government to establish an independent review/inquiry into the governance and operations of RMAC, MLA and AMPC.

RESOLUTION 4 OF THE ARMIDALE FORUM:

This forum calls for relief from levy payments, AQIS charges and NLIS fees while the investigations into, and review of, the statutory organisations and the burden of government charges are being conducted.

RESOLUTION 5 OF THE ARMIDALE FORUM:

This forum calls on the Federal Government to establish an independent review of the uncompetitive burden of government influenced costs and charges on the beef industry.

RESOLUTION 6 OF THE ARMIDALE FORUM:

That all Australian beef be clearly labelled 100% Australian Beef.
Moved Mick Mitchell, seconded Andrew Wood.

RESOLUTION 7 OF THE ARMIDALE FORUM

This meeting urges MLA, RMAC and the Cattle Council to support the Coalition's Private Member's Bill, *Food Importation (Bovine Meat Standards) Bill 2010*, in Federal Parliament so that that any country which has had a BSE outbreak must;

- 1) have a **national animal identification scheme** with the same physical ability to trace an individual animal from birth to plate.
- 2) ensure that a **full import risk analysis** be undertaken before any beef is imported; and
- 3) ensure that all imported beef has a **country of origin label** to give consumers a choice as to whether they eat beef from countries which have had a BSE outbreak.

Moved by Senator Heffernan.
Motion was carried